

# An Address by White Eagle at the Twentieth Anniversary of the Lodge

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*Context:* White Eagle thanks those present ‘for the beauty ... the flowers and the music’, from which we can infer that an anthem was sung. White Eagle refers to a reading and its message, but there is no record of where it was taken from. There is an account of the service by GEC in her ‘Chain of Fellowship’ letter on p. 119 of *Stella Polaris*, vol. V, and there had also been an anniversary party on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, she tells us – on a bitterly cold day!

*General Notes:* despite the ‘thank you’ for the music, ‘the companionship and brotherhood which we see here’ was doubtless the real prize for White Eagle, given his comments in the January address about how clearly he and the brethren in spirit recognise the real vibrations of those present. It is a sign of the growing Lodge, though, that White Eagle speaks of addressing not only the immediate congregation but a worldwide one – presumably through the printing of the address in *Stella Polaris*. White Eagle speaks of ‘Lodges far from this city’ – but at the time the distant Lodges were those in Scotland, the one in New Jersey, and Lodges in Bournemouth and Plymouth. There is a very interesting passage about what living in the light really means; White Eagle says, ‘there is a much wider life than the human’ to take into account in understanding that life. It is interesting that he reminds us that ‘the man of Christ is also the man of vision’. After the discussion of the Christlike life White Eagle turns to his own Lodge, and much of what he has to say is about the power of good thought and how the Star can be used in healing.

There are two very familiar passages in this inspiring address. One, ‘There are many ways open to man...’, was used in PRAYER IN THE NEW AGE and its successor, PRAYER, MINDFULNESS AND INNER CHANGE; while the account of White Eagle’s own surrendering his life on the side of the mountain is one frequently used in the White Eagle funeral/cremation service.

As an additional note, in the sentence mentioned in ‘References’, about Jesus hearing the distressed woman’s voice, is an interesting reminder that it was one of GEC’s own abilities, to clairvoyantly hear such distress and take action, often in the form of an immediate letter containing a brief message from White Eagle himself.

*References:* ‘the things that I do, shall he do also’ is John 14 : 12. ‘Seek, and ye shall find’ and the words following are from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 7 : 7-8; we come back to this reference at the end of the address. Jesus went into the silence, and that silence the voice of a woman in distress reached him is an intriguing reference; maybe, it relates to the call of Mary and Martha to come when Lazarus was dying (John 11). Initially, the call comes through human agency but later, Jesus gets an absolutely clear intuition that the moment has come to go to Lazarus. Later in the address, though, he is described as catching the thought of the woman who was sick – this is more likely the one who touched the hem of his garment (Mark 5 : 29). ‘Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard’ is 1 Corinthians 2 : 9; while the pearl of great price is a parable in the Gospel of Matthew (13 : 45-6). ‘Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done’ is of course the Lord’s Prayer; it too comes in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6 : 10). ‘”Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee’ is the first line of a hymn by F L Hosmer (1840-1929); the reference to children may come from another hymn.

## White Eagle’s Address

We greet everyone here. It is our mission, our work, to bring love, harmony, wisdom and knowledge to men on earth. As we come through to make contact with you, our brethren who

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are in physical bondage, we feel from you all a wealth of love, and we thank you for your welcome. We thank you for the beauty in this Lodge, the beauty of the flowers and the music; and the companionship and brotherhood which we see here.

We rely upon every one of you for our work. For without your co-operation and the true spirit which you are expressing now – and always express in your Lodge work and in the outer world – we should find our efforts vain. It is a wonderful thought that you are allied with us, who are in the world of spirit. Many people have yet to be convinced of the reality of the life of the spirit. They do not believe that they are spirit first, and not body only. You work with us to convince them of the power of spirit, to convince them that you and they are essentially spiritual beings.

We are speaking not only to members and friends in our congregation here: we are speaking to all our Lodges throughout Britain and the world – to all our Groups and to all our friends throughout the world – and we speak to them from the heart of this city. We say to all that to you is given a charge, a prize of the most high order. You are only at the beginning of a new age. You are pioneers – your mission being to express this truth of the new age – that man is spirit, and that God has endowed every man with spiritual qualities. Within every man has been implanted the seed of God, and that seed has to be nurtured until it grows into the perfect flower.

This cannot happen without effort. To those of you who are in Lodges far from this city, to those of you who labour alone in your own homes, we send you this message of encouragement and inspiration; for you are surely the instruments of the Great White Spirit, and of the Son, the Lord of earth's humanity.

We come to the earth as a spokesman; we come, as we have told you before, from the Messengers of Light. They are behind this work. We are their instruments, and you also are their instruments. All humanity, all creation depends and will depend upon you. This is maybe a new thought for you; nevertheless, through you can manifest the Great Light; through you that Light can change the life of men on earth.

Jesus our Master spoke words of wisdom when he said: 'The things that I do, ye shall do also'. But these miracles are not wrought by a human mind, nor by a powerful intellect, but by the spirit of Christ manifest within the life.

In the reading tonight you heard how necessary, how important it is for people who have heard, who have received the message of truth, to *live* that message, thereby setting an example. Teaching by word of mouth can become vain, and sometimes degenerate into falseness. But a life that is manifesting the truth, that is manifesting the spiritual law, stands out as a living example of truth. In this is the power of the Christ message.

Jesus not only preached, but he demonstrated the power of light. The light shone through

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him. He sent forth the light wherever he went. He was attuned at all times to his Father in heaven, to that Great Spirit which is hovering over the whole of life. Jesus was ever in communication with his Father; because of this he was strong in the spirit of his Father. He could do nothing without God. He continually called upon the Great White Spirit to help him to manifest and to demonstrate the light.

To those of you unfamiliar with our teaching we would explain what is meant by 'light'. Light is love. He who is a man of light is a man of love and goodwill, thinking no evil, thinking only good. He obeys the law of the good, the true and the beautiful. He is thereby living the life of the Christ. Many people talk about the need there is for man to live in brotherhood with his fellow. But there is a much wider life than the human; that is why the spiritual law would teach men to live in harmony, in brotherhood with all forms of life, from the lowest creature on earth to the highest angel in heaven. Man cannot manifest the Christ spirit, nor be obeying the law of love so long as he is inflicting cruelty on the animal or the nature kingdom, nor yet if he is cruel to his brother man. There must be justice throughout human life; there must be goodwill, which means a spirit of cooperation; there must always be vision to see these things. Thus the man of Christ is the man of vision.

The message which the Angels of Light would bring to you all is this, that implanted within you is a seed. That seed is the Christ spirit – and therefore you have within you certain spiritual powers. Very few people up to the present time have obeyed this injunction of Christ: 'Seek and ye shall find; ask and ye shall receive; knock upon the door of heaven, and the door will be opened unto you'. Know that you have both power and opportunity, every one of you, if you will profit by the gifts which God has given you. You can discover within your innermost sanctuary a wonderful light, a great wisdom and unimaginable powers for good.

Jesus went into the silence. In that silence the voice of a woman in distress reached him. How can humanity with all its attachment to the senses of the body and to the distraction of worldly life – how can any man hear a voice in distress? How can he even send forth the light of healing unless he trains himself to listen to voices that are calling for help?

All of you are indeed centres of light. You have power within you to project that glorious, spiritual light. You have the opportunity to learn how to project that one true light. How are you to discern between the one true light and the false? The true light can only be projected when the soul obeys the law of life. Physical, material and spiritual life is all controlled by law. If you want to put this spiritual power into operation, being sure that it is of the Christ spirit, you must train yourselves to obey the spiritual law. This law is the law of love. Thou shalt love and worship God, and live in God and live for God – and for your brother man, because your brother man is part of God. Indeed, all creation is part of God; all created things are God's. Therefore, you must love all creatures, and serve them. Then you are serving God.

This message comes to you on the vibration of love and harmony. We do not force or frighten

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you. We would open up for you a beautiful life, the vision of a beautiful world – not only of the earth, but of all the worlds, all the spheres of life around the earth. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard the glory of those spiritual worlds. Once man has found this jewel of great price within his own heart – when he has found and allowed its radiance to shine through his life – he not only beautifies life for himself but is helping all the world to realise that God is good; and that there is something well worth living for, a goal which can be reached by every living soul. That goal is the Kingdom of Heaven.

You pray, possibly every day: Thy Kingdom come: Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. In churches throughout Christendom this prayer is continually being uttered: ‘Thy Kingdom come, O God, On bended knee Thy children pray Thy Kingdom come.’ This Kingdom is what God would have his children on earth establish. God is in His Heaven which is the heart and centre of all life. He has created man in His own image, and endowed man with the powers of His Son. God therefore looks to His children to establish His Kingdom upon the earth.

There are many ways open to man. But there is one unflinching, one certain true way for man to establish God’s Kingdom upon earth. This is by the light which is within himself. In this Lodge you continually visualise the light, and you project the light. You visualise the Star, and you see the rays of that Star covering the earth. You are doing active good by sending out this thought power, which is God power. And you can also heal a sick body by the rays of this light. Materialists do not believe this yet, but have much to learn. It is better to do that work while you are here than to wait and afterwards regret lost opportunities. There are no opportunities in the spirit world so great as those given to you while you are in a physical body.

From the spirit we concentrate our thoughts upon this Lodge, and upon all our Lodges and groups, and on everyone who is striving simply and humbly to do this work. You will receive our power, our light, our thoughts. Remember that thought is the greatest power in life. Life is thought. God *thought* about the world. He thought about humanity, creating heaven and earth and all therein by thought. Jesus caught the thought of the woman who was sick; he replied by flashing thought to her. Some people claim to have proved the power and efficacy of telepathy, but in a very crude and materialistic way. Come up a little higher – to a plane remote from materialistic thought – the higher mental plane – and there you will understand the tremendous power of good thought, of God thought. This surely has been demonstrated in this Lodge, and particularly to the inner brotherhood of the Lodge. Although the power of thought is the greatest power in life, there is still a division in humanity – between those who are trying to build up the thought power of God, the others who are trying to destroy all thought of God and spiritual life. This is why the Messengers in the spheres of light do not leave humanity in its need. They continue to come to impress thoughts of love, harmony, justice and all the qualities of the Christ nature on humanity. Great is the need!

You have established this place in one of the largest cities on earth. You come here to

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worship, to meet each other, and to serve the powers of the light. Therefore on this Anniversary night we would stimulate your enthusiasm; for you do not yet know the importance of this work, nor even the importance of each individual effort to create, to stimulate, to radiate the light in order to heal the sick, to heal the brokenhearted, to comfort the bereaved. For by this power of the inner light you have power to comfort those who are left sorrowing, to open the eyes of the blind. and to reveal the beauty of a world which awaits all souls when they have ended their particular lifespan on this plane of earth. Some people can find no bridge which reaches from this world to the world beyond, but they are wrong. The bridge which reaches to the spirit life is built of your own soul's substance. Everyone can build their bridge. Everyone can mount those stairs which rise into the heaven world. But only in the spirit of holiness, love and harmony can they mount and cross that bridge, and in spirit be united with those they love.

Death is but the taking off of an old coat. We can describe to you a death which we ourselves experienced many, many, many years ago, when we lay down halfway up a mountain, and looked into the rising sun; and we heard the voices of our loved ones calling us: so we arose from our reclining position, and went forth to be greeted, oh! with such joy by our loved ones. We did not know that we had left the physical body lying on mother earth to be absorbed again by mother earth. And this, my children, is death: a rising of the spirit and a going forth into light! You on earth can know this truth for yourselves. You can look upon the empty shell of one you love and know that it is but a shell. In spirit you can accompany that released spirit into the light, and see the joy with which it is received in that place which has been prepared for it by its own spiritual aspiration, its own spiritual desire. Ask, and ye shall receive; you *shall* receive. Knock and the door shall surely be opened unto you, and you shall enter into the Golden City. Seek, and ye shall find the true way!

The Angels of the Light will help you on your way, and you shall also guide others. This is our Anniversary message to all of you whom we know and love. To all men everywhere, God is Light; and to find God man must live in the light! He must not be fainthearted, nor grow weary; he must courageously live in the light of God, eliminating all cruelty. Live in this spirit, and the atoms of your physical body will become more refined, more sensitive, bringing you closer to the Kingdom of Light. For this you must all work, eliminating selfishness and darkness, fear and depressing thoughts. You must work to get into the light, to keep in the light and so increase the light in God's world. May His blessing be upon you all for evermore.

God bless these Thy children, and prosper their work for Thee!

Amen.

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